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⑤④ **Kit containing polyphosphonate for treating osteoporosis.**

⑤⑦ A method for treating or preventing osteoporosis utilizing a cyclic regimen comprising alternating for two or more cycles the administration of a bone resorption inhibiting polyphosphonate and a no treatment (rest) period. Further disclosed is a kit for use in implementing this method of treatment.

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